

BEST SESSION OF INSTITUTE AT END

Episcopal School at Chatham Honored by Visit from Council—The Exercises.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHATHAM, VA., June 20.—The fourteenth annual commencement of the Chatham Episcopal Institute opened this year by a reception given to the Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia on Friday afternoon, from 4 to 6. The special train which brought the delegation from Danville was met at the Chatham station by many carriages, which soon conveyed them to the institute, where they were received by the faculty and trustees of the school.

One of the first points of interest visited was the spacious art studio. Here they were received by the art students, and while some served frappe, others explained the merits of the many sketches and different forms of art displayed on the walls. After visiting the various rooms and departments, all were invited to repair to the chapel, where a short musical recital was rendered, after which refreshments were served, followed by remarks by the Rev. C. O. Pruden and Judge Old. The council returned to Danville in their private cars, and the Chatham Episcopal Institute.

Friday night Miss Lindsey Phelps gave her graduate recital, assisted by Miss Beattie Dillard, violinist. Miss Phelps's program was a most difficult one, consisting of both vocal and piano numbers, and was rendered with such remarkable accuracy and expression as to win the admiration of all. Miss Dillard's violin numbers were, as usual, well rendered and thoroughly enjoyed.

Saturday from 4 to 6 P. M. was the studio tea. Miss Rosalie Hunt's tapestry, "Rebecca at the Well," was a most beautiful work of art, and greatly admired, while Miss Grace Jones's large display of china painting won many exclamations of admiration.

Saturday night the class of 1908 held their class day exercises, opening with an address by Miss Mary Bethell, the president of the class.

Miss Virginia Harte gave his history, revealing many "state secrets," while Miss Anne Miller unveiled the future, the better to prepare them for what awaited them in life.

Miss Gouley Edwards, in her will, disposed of their possessions in a most liberal way, remembering each member of the faculty with valuable relics. A play, "A Class Day Conspiracy," given by the graduating class, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The exercises of the evening closed with a bonfire, in which the young ladies burned with a vengeance all the trials and tribulations of their college life.

The baccalaureate sermon, preached by the Rev. H. H. Phelps, of Wellsburg, W. Va., was filled with truths of the pure, simple life, and will be long remembered as a sermon to live by.

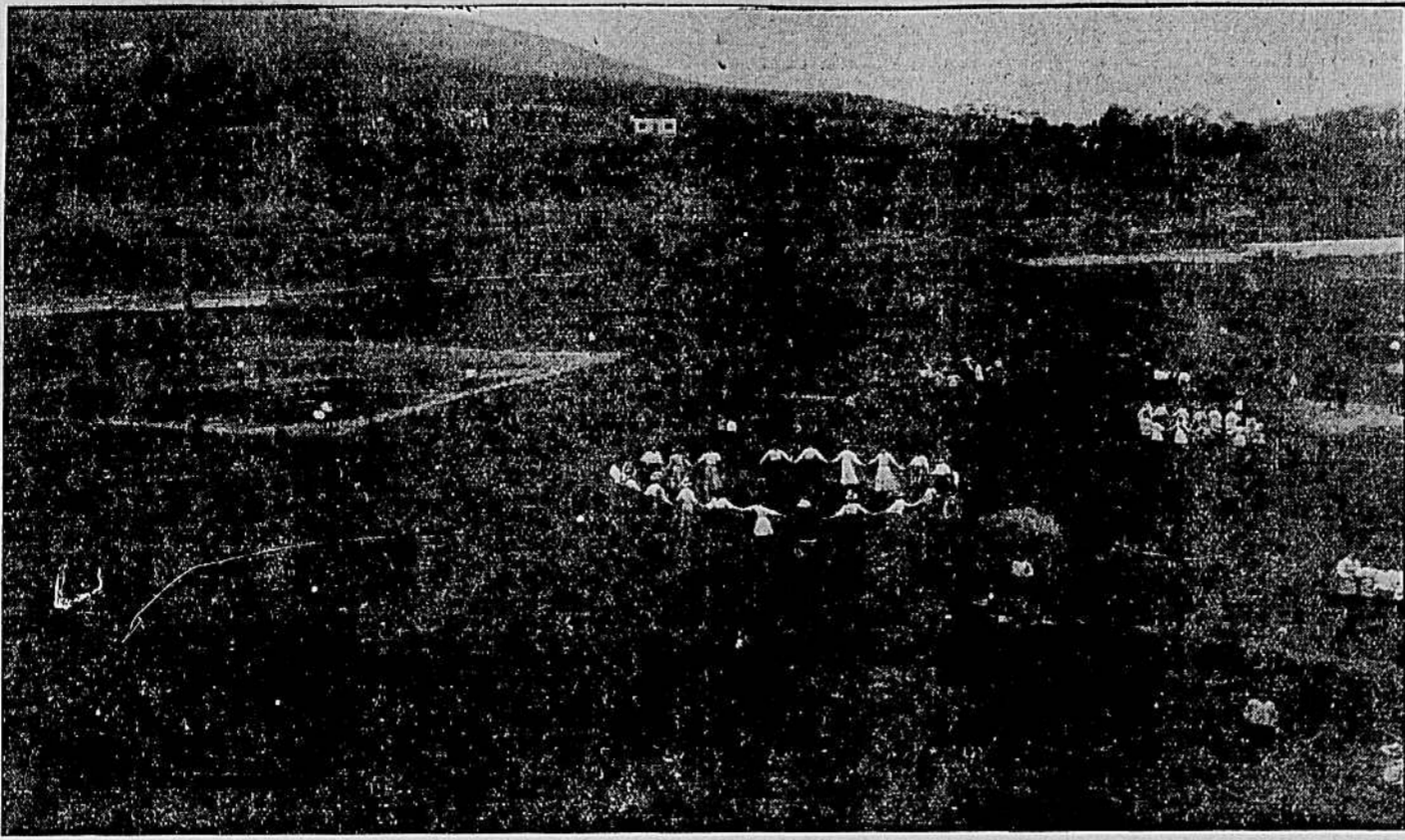
Monday morning the recital of oratory and physical culture was given, the following young ladies having readings: Miss Eleanor Hubbard, Katherine Willis, Genevieve McClintic, Gladys Hargrave, Gouley Edwards, and Kate De Wolf, all of whom were accredited themselves well.

The dumb-bell and Emerson exercises were also a strong feature of the entertainment.

Monday night the regular musical recital opened with a piano quartet, by the Misses Edwards, Whitaker, Cunningham and Rebecca Coleman. Piano solos by Misses Sherrard, Kelley, Jennings, Bibb, Allen, Lewis, Fannie Nalle, Beattie Dillard, Genevieve McClintic, and Misses Alma Sherrard and Susie Coleman; a two-piano number by Misses Weaver and Titus, and a vocal solo by Miss Phelps, were all carefully rendered without notes, showing thorough and painstaking preparation.

The chorus numbers were enjoyed by all, but the closing quartet, "Overture to Tannhauser," by Misses Beattie Dillard, Fannie Nalle, Helen Weaver, Mar-

BEAUTIFUL PLAY GROUNDS AT THE TOWN OF BUCHANAN



BUCHANAN, VA., June 20.—While the newspapers and public-spirited citizens of cities and larger towns have been clamoring for playgrounds Buchanan has been quietly enjoying this blessing, and through the Village Improvement Society has acquired an ideal playground right in the heart of the town, a beautiful, grassy plot of about five acres overlooked by towering mountains and the river gilding peacefully by, no more ideal spot

could have been selected, it being perfectly adapted for recreation grounds, especially so as it adjoins the High School Building.

There is a good diamond for baseball players, and the children of the town are kept out of the streets by having a place to play without danger to themselves and being a nuisance to passers by.

The acquisition of the playgrounds is due entirely to the untiring efforts of Mrs. E. C. Pechin. This whole-souled public benefactress has been the leading spirit in the movement. Some four years ago Mrs. Pechin, who had then only recently moved into the county, seeing the possibilities of the town, conferred with some of the representative people of the place and organized a Village Improvement Society, whose aim was, first, to beautify the town; second, the improvement of its sanitary condition; third, the establishment of playgrounds, and fourth,

to better the condition of the whole community. It was a task, a great task, but inspired by the undaunted enthusiasm of Mrs. Pechin the ladies went to work and a reform of a local nature was begun, and there is a growing interest for a clean and beautiful town.

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Queries and Answers

Address "Query Editor, Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va." Sign real name. Give, if desired, fictitious name for publication. Persons asking for poems, etc., should send stamp.

A Date.
Please tell me what day of the week was June 10, 1822. Mm. McC. Monday.

An Address.
Will you be good enough to give me the address of Percival Lowell, the astronomer? M. P. B. 53 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Hops.
Please tell me where I may buy a small quantity of hops. OLD-TIME READER. At any drug store.

Black Friday and Flak.
Please tell me in what year James Flak was killed and the date of Black Friday and the cause of the panic. R. M. THOMAS. 1872. September 24, 1862. Failure of attempt to corner the gold market.

Secretary Taft.
Please give the birthplace, age and church of Secretary Taft. WILLIAM EWING. Cincinnati, Ohio. Born September 15, 1857. Unitarian.

Carnegie Library.
To what address should one write in order to communicate with the persons having in charge Mr. Carnegie's library aid fund? LIBRARY. Letter would better be sent direct to Mr. Carnegie, 2 East Ninety-first Street, New York City.

Labor Union.
Is it lawful in Virginia for an employer to exact, as a condition of hiring a person, a pledge that the employer will not join any union? R. F. B. It is. In a number of States there is express statute against it. In Virginia there is no such law.

Confederate Pension.
Please tell me to whom and in what way I should apply for a pension as a Confederate soldier. J. M. OWNEY. Write to the First Auditor, Richmond, Va. He will send you blanks and all necessary information.

Mrs. Gill's Exclusion.
Please tell me whether Mrs. Gill will have a Fourth of July excursion to Washington, if not, when. CUPID. It is certain that Mrs. Gill cannot get a train for the Fourth. She hopes to run a midsummer excursion some time in July but is not yet able to fix a date.

Teachers' Pension.
Please inform me whether the teachers' pension in Virginia will be available for 1908, and what is the required length of service. J. C. F. The first payment on this account will be made in October, 1908. Twenty-five years.

Months.
Can you inform me what month this is in the Jewish calendar, the Mohammedan count of time? We desire the information in making invitations for an entertainment. REX. Jewish—Sivan. Mohammedan—First Jomadi.

Old Trial.
Can you tell me where I may find an account of the old-time Norfolk county Myers and Bowden murder case? Also give date. PORTSMOUTH. Trial was in Circuit Court for Norfolk county in October term, 1811. Report may be found in a number of books, or in the case of Wheeler's Criminal Cases, vol. 3.

Form of Gold.
In what form is gold found, and where may it be tested? A READER. Confining the matter to Virginia, the form of dust, with occasional very small nuggets and occasional veins of quartz. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Richmond, Va., will have test made for you if the gold is found in Virginia.

Trained Nurse.
Please inform me how to get admission to one of the schools for nurses in Richmond and the lowest age at which one may enter. G. Circulars of information will be sent on application to any of the schools. Address Memorial Hospital, St. Luke's, Virginia, Retreat for the Sick, Williamsburg, or Hospital, Shantling Arms Hospital. We are informed that the age limit is eighteen.

Medical Scholarships.
Can you inform me whether either of the medical colleges in Richmond has any free scholarships? E. L. W. The Virginia Medical College has some fifteen. The University College, we think, has none. The matter would be far more clearly stated in the catalogues than we can give it here.

Pharmacy Inspector.
Please inform me who appointed the State Pharmacy Inspector, what his salary is, and what the salary is and under what law the appointment was made. E. L. W. The State Pharmacy Board. He serves at the pleasure of the board, \$1,200.00 per annum. The general pharmacy law is contained in the regulations of the board and allows the board the means of establishing it. There is no act which declares in terms that the board shall create the place.

Night School in Richmond.
Is there in Richmond a night school where a boy may take special courses in arithmetic, grammar and spelling during the fall and winter? HAMECK. There is most excellent arrangement for this sort of work at the Virginia Mechanics' Institute. Address Mr. Frank Duke, Superintendent, Mechanics' Institute, Richmond, Va.

Carnegie Hero Medals.
Can you tell me what act of bravery has been performed to win the Carnegie hero medals? ROXBURY. We have no list, and it would be too long to recount the circumstances of all the acts, even if we had. Eighty-seven medals have been granted. You may obtain full particulars of information by application to F. M. Wilmet, Secretary Carnegie Fund, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lamed Colt.
A colt of mine is lame from the kick of a horse. Can I do anything beyond putting the place? A. Of course, your best plan is to have an experienced veterinary see the colt. Putting this, the best treatment is to keep it where it may get plenty of grass and water and shade, and to use one of the standard liniments and to give the place as much gentle massage as you can find time for. Rubbing the liniment in with the fingers over the swelling and above and below on the leg is about the best treatment you can give.

Exemption from Full Tax.
Please inform me why Confederate soldiers, and not Union soldiers, are exempted by Virginia from the payment of the poll tax. W. E. B. Union veterans are, of course, just as much exempt as Confederate. The law would otherwise be unconstitutional. But neither is in the least degree exempt from the payment. Vera General Lee alive to-day, he would have paid his poll tax just as any one else. The law makes this difference in favor of the veteran, and not

Ordinarily a citizen may not vote unless his poll tax has been paid at least six months prior to election day. Veterans may vote whether they pay his poll tax at all or not. But he is not exempt from paying it. It is put on his tax bill and added to the year, if the collector will enforce payment, if necessary, by execution and levy, just as in the case of any other delinquent.

Mr. Frank Patton.
Will you inform me what is the real name of the actor, Frank Patton, and where he was born? Also give the titles of some of his literary work, and tell me where they appeared. Where can I get a copy of Miss Ryland's play, "The Way Out"? J. H. WILSON. Frank Patton-Bethune, Charleston, S. C. Apollo. Aftermath. Altruist. Pound. Picaresque. Throat. Skentle, etc. Mr. Patton-Bethune has done a number of newspaper and magazine work of high merit, largely on the subject of settlement work, and not a few of his purely literary efforts, as those above named, appeared in the Cosmopolitan and the Metropolitan Magazines. Miss Ryland's play has not been published. You would have to get copy through her.

A "Correction."
In last Sunday's paper I note the following question and answer: I am postmaster in my village and many of my friends wish me to qualify as a notary. Is there any reason why I may not hold both offices? P. M. You need not bother about finding a "reason," etc. The express terms of the law forbid it, etc.

Now, Mr. Query Man, let me suggest that when you "set up" to give information, be certain that you are correct. See P. L. and R., 1902, page 99, section 214, etc.

J. N. APPERSON.
Our friend's letter is not very happy in manner, nor is the matter fortunate. The authority which he cites is no law, but part of the departmental regulations, and even if it were an act of Congress, it would indicate only that the United States was willing to allow a notary to act as postmaster under Section 163 of the Virginia Code of 1901 declares that no person shall be capable of holding both offices, or profit or trust under the State Constitution who holds any office of profit, trust or honor under the government of the United States. Consequently, while the United States is empowered to allow a notary to be postmaster, the United States is unwilling for a postmaster to be a notary.

Liability for Subscription.
I purchased a set of books and one year's subscription to a magazine and paid for them. After expiration of subscription, the magazine continued to come. Can I be made to pay for it? J. A. M. It is doubtful. In order to relieve one of liability, it is necessary that one pay a subscription to a certain date and order the periodical stopped. Where subscription is prepaid to a fixed time, the publisher is not to be construed as directions to terminate the subscription, and is, in general, so liable to the publisher. Failure to give notice of discontinuance and to pay for the service received and regular reception of the periodical after the date of expiration of subscription are held to constitute a renewal of the subscription, and the publisher is so unforgotten as to do business that way. The whole basis of the transaction is this, that the periodical is sold to the subscriber upon its readers, and publishers naturally shun such a suggestion. In your case, however, you have paid for the inclusion of a set of books with the subscription and the contract viewed most exactly in the light of time for the magazine subscription. You are not bound to pay for the books and the magazine for another year, and to the same combination price and, as the cost of the periodical to you may be regarded as a part of the purchase, it is very doubtful whether the publishers can force you to pay for the additional copies of their magazine, and still not insist whether they will attempt to do so.

Wearing Beard.
I observe a good deal of comment in magazines and newspapers on the danger in mustache and beard. Can you tell me whether the clean-shaven man is less liable to sickness than his bearded brother?

The question whether one shall wear mustache or beard or shave clean is not purely a personal taste as is the choice between clean and buttoned shoes. It is true that germs may find lodgment in the hair on the face, but they may find it just as readily on the head, and no gentleman who is impelled to cut off his mustache to dodge a germ will be likely to shaved for the same purpose, and the reason lies in the fact that the gentleman's mirror catches the light and catches the light of his face is classic and strong without the mustache, and that he will not take the trouble to shave when he is bald. Physicians are about as much divided on one question as the rest of us. It would probably be found that the doctors in Richmond, who are in all respects up to the scientific average, show much the same variety in their hair as the doctors in Williamsburg, as the same number of lawyers or of merchants would show, and the American Surgeon Association, which met here lately, was composed of men particularly on speaking terms with every variety of germ, showed every variety of beard, from the clean-shaven to the bushiest full beard down, or up, as you may choose. The Jewish patriarchs were bearded, and from Moses, at least, they paid the most intelligent attention to matters of sanitation. The Turks of the old days wore beards, and their observance of the need of cleanliness is a proverb. The classic Roman practice was steadily against it, and the Greek practice was like ours, somewhat mixed, but with a large majority of the men whose faces have come down to us in various portraits, clean-shaven. In Virginia the earliest custom was virtually that of England, where for years the large majority of men had worn beards. By the date of the Revolution here the English practice was nearly found wearing either beard or mustache, and the Colonial, following the home fashion, was clean-shaven. We do not recall the face of any Virginian of the Revolution time that was not clean-shaven, but by the date of the Mexican War the practice had changed greatly, and by the time of the Civil War the large majority of men wore mustache and beard, and from that time, since Johnson's time who was clean-shaven except McKinley, no Governor of Virginia except Montague.

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